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THAT DANGER OF EXPLOSION GREATER FROM STOPPING REFUGEES
THAN FROM DETERIORATION ECONOMIC CONDITIONS BY CONTINUATION
EXODUS TRAINED MANPOWER.

IF BERLIN DEVELOPMENTS GO TO POINT OF SEPARATE TREATY
FAR BETTER FOR US THAT EAST GERMANS CLOSE BERLIN SECTOR
BORDER THAN THAT THEY ATTEMPT INTERFERE WITH OUR ACCESS
BY AIR. [

MY GUESS IS HOWEVER THAT SOVIETS WILL
INITIATE EARLY MOVE FOR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH SHOULD HAVE
EFFECT REDUCING REFUGEE PROBLEM TO TOLERABLE PROPORTIONS.

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